THE CALL . . .

Its Challenge to Australians

We are up against some grim facts and dangerous problems in Australia.

So here are some questions for you, me, and every Australian:

1. Do I see these facts and problems?
2. Do I understand them?
3. Do I just blame 'the politicians' or 'the bosses' or 'the workers', 'the other fellow', 'they' or 'them', or do I realise my own responsibility and play my part?
4. Do I do my best in my own place for Australia?
5. Do I take my part, where I can, in public and community activities?
6. Do I take a proper interest in Federal, State and local politics? If I do not, what right have I to grouse?
7. If I am a Church member, do I join in my Church's work and worship?
8. Do I uphold the law at all times or do I evade it to suit my selfish interests?
9. Do I bear in mind that everyone's work should be of some use to us all, and that 'passengers' in the team have never been thought much of by Australians?
10. If I am an employer, do I deal fairly with those who work for me? Do I deal fairly in business relations? Do I try to keep business healthy and clean? Do I take an active interest in my representative business organisations?
11. If I am an employee, do I give a fair return for my pay? Do I take my proper part in my trades-union? Or do I just leave it to the other man to look after my interests?
12. If I am a public servant, do I really try to serve the public? Or am I one of those who too often earn ill-will, jeers and bad jokes for a great calling?

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13. If I am a member of a profession, do I always act in accord with the responsibilities of my vocation?

14. In general, can I be justly proud of the work I do, and of how I do it?

15. Am I alive to the good work done by our voluntary organisations?

16. Do I help any of the organisations which work for those in distress – for the aged, the blind, deaf, dumb, the crippled, the mentally ill, for mothers and children, widows, orphans, travellers in need?

17. Do I help such institutions as hospitals, creches, kindergartens, orphanages?

18. Do I make use of organisations designed to help us understand and meet the problems of our times at home and abroad?

19. Do I support societies for the promotion of the arts and learning?

20. Do I remember the men and women who shaped our national tradition and heritage? Do I commemorate such national occasions as Anzac Day, Australia Day and Remembrance Day?

21. Am I really trying to accept and make friends with newcomers to Australia, to understand their difficulties and to help them find their place in our national life?

22. In short, how do I honestly rate myself, spiritually, morally, mentally?

Am I a good parent?
Am I a good wife or husband?
Am I a good son or daughter?
Am I a good example to my children?
Am I a good citizen?
Am I a good neighbour?
Am I a good Australian?

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